UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 6, 1970

1 - Mr. K. N. Raupach
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
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FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT

This recommends advising Justice Department we are instructing our New Orleans Office to recontact Mr. Carlos Quiroga to determine if he desires that information he furnished on 11/27/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald continue to be kept strictly confidential. Results of 11/27/63 interview with Quiroga were furnished Warren Commission; however, were withheld from public because of Quiroga's request, based upon the fact that his father was imprisoned in Cuba, and his mother was still living there.

This issue arises because one Paul L. Hoch, in letter to Department, has requested to see the material withheld. Deputy Attorney General has referred matter to us. Hoch is the Berkeley, California, graduate student who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy over the past five years. He is the man who wrote the Attorney General on 9/19/69 alleging "some sort of hidden relationship between" Oswald and the FBI. The Director has noted, "I dislike the humoring of a character like Hoch who is obviously a 'smear' artist."

Mr. Carlos Quiroga was one of the anti-Castro Cubans living in New Orleans who came in contact with Oswald in the Summer of 1963, when Oswald was distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee handbills there. Following the assassination, on 11/27/63 Mr. Quiroga was interviewed for what he knew of Oswald. He told us that about mid-August, 1963, he met Oswald in an effort to determine Oswald's pro-Cuban activities and later offered to furnish the New Orleans Police Department with information about Oswald, but received no encouragement from the Police. He requested the interview with us be kept confidential because of the situation of his parents in Cuba.

The results of our interview with Quiroga were given to the Warren Commission, but because of his specific request, the report of the interview was included among the Warren Commission material withheld from the public. Before we can tell the Department whether or not this material can now be made available to the public, we must go back to Mr. Quiroga and determine if he still desires the interview to be kept confidential.

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ACTION:

Attached for approval is letter to the Deputy Attorney General, advising of the action we are taking, and appended thereto is a note for New Orleans with our instructions.